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I have never submitted a comment before so I hope this format is ok. I stumbled across your request for comment while I was annotating the Federal Reserve site for a wiki.

My concern after reading your recommendations is much emphasis is placed on ssn protection (a good thing and common sense) and little on emerging technologies, especially rfid interception now that our new passports will be able to be read in this manner. Having traveled in countries where I've seen bootleg everything, I'm not convinced we are technologically capable of keeping anything that can be read with an rfid device private. This means that we are effectively providing birth certificate information to any person or entity that can outwit our technology (even temporarily). It doesn't take a whole lot of steps once someone has passport information to get a new birth certificate from vital records and then a new Social Security card and totally mess up someone's finances. Previously, we could protect our passports by keeping them on our person. With rfid, they are in public domain. If dvds are on sale in black markets everywhere in the developing countries before they are issued in the US, what makes you think we can "protect" an electronically readable passport and wouldn't those be pretty marketable?

Respectfully submitted,  
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